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SUBJ: POSSIBLE FARMER TROUBLE IN WEST

1. ACCORDING MAY 13 ARTICLE BY NEW NIGERIAN IBADAN CORRESPONDENT, POLICE ARRESTED 27 FARMERS AT IBADAN MEETING OVER WEEKEND MAY 10-11. ARTICLE IDENTIFIED AMONG ARRESTED ONLY Tafa Adeoye, described as head of banned Agbekoya Society.

2. SPECULATION AMONG IBADAN SOURCES IS THAT 27 WERE "UNDERGROUND" AGBEKOYA MEMBERS WHO WERE PLOTTING FARMERS' DEMONSTRATION AGAINST FEDERAL OR WESTERN STATE GOVERNMENTS. THEY TIE MEETING TO RECENT REPORTED SPORADIC DEMONSTRATIONS OF FARMERS WHO REFUSED TO HAUL PRODUCE TO CITY MARKETS AND INTIMIDATED OTHERS WHO SOUGHT TO DO SO. GALLOPING INFLATION AS RESULT UDOJI AWARDS PRESUMED TO BE CRUX OF FARMERS' DISCONTENT.

3. AGBEKOYA SOCIETY IS ONE OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH STIMULATED FARMERS' ANTI-TAX PROTESTS OF LATE 1968, ENDING IN WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISTURBANCE, VIOLENCE AND KILLINGS. IT HAS SINCE BEEN BANNED, BUT  
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SOME OF LEADERSHIP SURFACED IN 1970-71 AS ORGANIZERS

OF QUASI-LEGAL INDEPENDENT FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (IN YORUBA, AGBE PARAPO). ADEOYE IS ONE OF THOSE LEADERS. HE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF - AND DETAINED BY POLICE FOR - POLITICAL AGITATION OF FARMERS IN PAST.

4. INDEPENDENT FARMERS ASSOCIATION HAS NOT BEEN BANNED BY WSG, BUT MEMBERSHIP IS DISCOURAGED IN FAVOR WESTERN STATE FARMERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION - A GOVERNMENT MOUTHPIECE. WELFARE ASSOCIATION HASTILY CONVENED MEETING MAY 13, AT WHICH ITS PRESIDENT CONDEMNED "SOME PEOPLE WHO FALSELY PRESENT THEMSELVES IN IBADAN AS THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FARMERS IN THE STATE AND ALSO USE THEIR POSITION TO ORGANIZE THE FARMERS TO REBEL AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT".

5. COMMENT: OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT POLICE PROBABLY LEARNED OF MEETING INCLUDING ADEOYE, AND POSSIBLY OTHER AGBEKOYA MEMBERS, AND DECIDED TO DO SOME PREVENTATIVE JAILING WHILE THEY FIND OUT WHAT MEETING WAS ABOUT. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL POLICE WARNINGS TO PUBLIC ABOUT OUTBREAKS OF FARMER DISSIDENCE IN RECENT MONTHS, AND AUTHORITIES SEEM NERVOUS ABOUT POSSIBILITY WIDE CIVIL DISTURBANCES AMONG VOLATILE YORUBA FARMERS. INCIDENTS UP TO NOW, HOWEVER, APPEAR SPORADIC, INEFFECTUAL AND UNLIKELY TO ESCALATE TO PITCH OF 1968 EVENTS.

6. ARREST OF 27 CAN BE VIEWED ALSO AS OFFICIAL HARASSMENT OF A FARMERS' UNION RIVALING GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED WELFARE ASSOCIATION. ALLUSION TO REBELLION BY WELFARE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BORDERS ON HYSTERICAL, BUT IS IN LINE WITH DEMONSTRATED WSG ATTITUDE TO ANY PERCEIVED THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER.  
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